Writing in Fourth Grade

Writing is the ability to …

* conceive ideas about a topic.
* organize, select, and relate ideas and outline and develop them in coherent paragraphs.
* write standard English sentences with correct sentence structure; verb forms; punctuation, capitalization, possessives, plural forms, and other matters of mechanics; word choice, and spelling.
* vary one’s writing style, including vocabulary and sentence structure, for different readers and purposes.
* improve writing skills by restructuring, correcting errors, and rewriting.
* gather information from primary and secondary sources; write a report using your research; quote, paraphrase, and summarize accurately; and cite sources properly.

(College Board, 1983)

Purpose of Writing Instruction

* Develop analytical thinkers
* Develop accomplished writers

In fourth grade, we will be focusing on a variety of writing types as well as the six traits of writing: idea, organization, word choice, voice, sentence fluency, and conventions. We will also be using a writing journal to address the four types of writing we are required to learn this year: opinion, informative/narrative, narrative, and research.

Writing will be under Language in the grade book.